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TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS, SIR:

#### RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This letter is in response to the Office action dated March 9, 2005 in which an election was required between the species of reactive agent with variable R1 selected from: (1) H; (2)  $COOR^5$ ; (3)  $OR^5$ ; (4)  $R^6C(O)H$ ; (5)  $R^6COOH$ ; (6)  $OR^6COOH$ ; (7)  $C(O)NH_2$ ; (8)  $NHC(O)R^5$ ; (9)  $NH_2R^7OH$ ; (10)  $NH_2R^7COOH$ ; (11)  $NHR^8-R^7OH$ ; (12)  $NHR^8-R^7COOH$ ; and (13)  $NH_2$ . Applicants elect species (7)  $C(O)NH_2$ . Claims 1, 11, and 14-68 read on the elected species.

Furthermore, applicants are required to elect a sub-species that reads on the linking agent in the second ingredient. The sub-species is selected from: (1) ether; (2) ester; (3) alkyl polyglycoside; (4) amide; (5) amine; and (6) quaternary ammonium compounds (claim 63). Applicants elect sub-species (1) ether. Claims 1-20, and 22-46 read on the elected sub-species.

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Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected species.

Respectfully Submitted,

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